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In re Application of: FREGE, Jeffrey D.

Serial No. 10/020,152

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: INTEGRATED COMBINE REEL DRIVE SYSTEM

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.

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[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			X140 = \$	X280 = \$	
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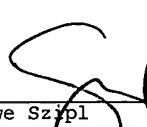
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Sir:

Please consider the following remarks in response to the official Office Action dated February 28, 2003.

REMARKS

Applicant asserts that claims 1-17 are allowable for the reasons stated below.

The Invention

The present invention pertains broadly to a hydro-mechanical drive system for a combine harvester or similar agricultural vehicle. More specifically, in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, there is an agricultural vehicle that includes an integrated combine reel hydro-mechanical drive system, the drive system being a single integrated hydraulic circuit containing a hydraulic fluid and including a hydraulic reservoir, the single hydraulic circuit comprising: a hydraulic header circuit connected to the reservoir and supplying hydraulic fluid to activate a steering mechanism; and a variable pump